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SUBJECT: GOP PREPARATIONS FOR THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. THE GOP AND ITS GUIDED PRESS HAVE BEGUN GEARING UP FOR THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LIMA AUGUST 23-29. ON JUNE 3, THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT ISSUED A SUPREME DECREE DECLARING THE MEETING A MATTER OF "NATIONAL PRIORITY." THE DECREE URGES THE MAXIMUM COOPERATION OF ALL GOP EMPLOYEES CONCERNED, STRESSING THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE WILL ENHANCE PERU'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

2. DURING A CONVERSATION ABOUT OTHER SUBJECTS, FONMINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR SILVA ARANDA VOLUNTEERED TO DCM THAT THE GOP PUTS GREAT STORE IN THE MEETING AND IS SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. HE SAID SECURITY MEASURES DURING THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE STRINGENT, AND POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING PERUVIAN AND NON-PERUVIAN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED. (SEE LIMA 4385, CONCERNING THE GOP'S POSSIBLY RELATED EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE THE RESETTLEMENT OF CHILEAN REFUGEES NOW IN PERU.) ALLUDING TO IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR U.S.-PERUVIAN RELATIONS, THE OFFICIAL ALSO WARNED THAT IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE PERU DOES NOT HAVE A FREE HAND BUT MUST TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT

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THE POLITICAL VIEWS OF OTHER PARTICIPATING NATIONS (READ ALGERIA

AND POSSIBLY ALSO CUBA).

3. AS PART OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN, THE LIMA PRESS IS POINTING OUT THAT ALTHOUGH PERU DID NOT JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT UNTIL 1973, IT HAS CONSISTENTLY PURSUED INDEPENDENT POLICIES SINCE THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT SEIZED POWER IN 1968. AFFILIATION WITH THE NAM IS THEREFORE SEEN AS A NATURAL DEVELOPMENT STEMMING FROM A CONGRUENCE OF BELIEFS AND INTERESTS. PERU'S ROLE IS DESCRIBED AS INVIGORATING THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND GIVING IT A LATIN AMERICAN DIMENSION. PROOF OF ITS PRESTIGE WITHIN THE GROUP IS SEEN IN PERU'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE DIRECTIVE BUREAU (COMPOSED OF 17 NATIONS) AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOP BID TO HOLD THE NEXT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA.

4. THE PRESS SEES PERU'S BASIC GOAL AT THE CONFERENCE AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGY TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL DOMINATION BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. CONCRETE OBJECTIVES WOULD INCLUDE AN AGREEMENT AS TO HOW TO STABILIZE AND INCREASE PRICES OBTAINED FOR RAW MATERIALS, AGREEMENT ON MEANS TO INCREASE TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER NATIONS, AND FORMULATION OF A COMMON POLICY FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
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